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**MULTI-FUNCTIONAL PLASMON-RESONANT CONTRAST AGENTS FOR OPTICAL COHERENCE
TOMOGRAPHY**

the specification of which was filed on January 8, 2004 and assigned Application Serial No. 10/753,972.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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